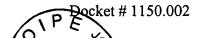
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced U.S. Application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the portion of the specification as indicated by the following marked up version thereof:

Please substitute the full paragraph starting on page 1, line 23 with the following:

Japanese Patent Publication Tokkai Hei 10-18173 Japanese Patent Publication Tokkai Hei 10-18273.

<u>CONCLUSION</u>

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action at an early date is respectfully requested. However, if any matters remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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